(b) Terms of References of the Committee are to prepare a comprehensive action plan on environment and pollution control in Delhi.

(c) and (d) The Committee has been asked to submit its report within two months.

(e) and (f) A number of steps have already been taken by the Government to control environmental pollution in Delhi. These are as follows:

(i) Delhi has been declared as air pollution control area in 1987 under Air Act, 1981.

(ii) Under Section 21 of the above act every industry has to take consent to establish from Delhi Pollution Control Committee and has to control its emissions within the prescribed standards. Action is being taken against all erring units as per provisions of the Act.

(iii) Standards for smoke, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons have been prescribed under the Environment Protection Act, for the purpose of controlling air pollution.

(iv) It has been decided to supply unleaded petrol to four metropolitan cities by the end of April, 1995.

(v) Mass awareness campaigns are launched.

(vi) Yamuna Action Plan is launched by the Government of India for controlling pollution of river Yamuna.

(vii) Under 8th Five Year Plan, the sewage treatment capacity of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi will be increased from 280 to 499 MGD.

Loss suffered by CPCB

1091. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has suffered a loss of Rs. 3.0 lakhs as per C&AG Report ended 31-3-1992 on account of procurement of two transformers at the risk and cost of electrical contractor;

(b) whether CPCB claim was disallowed by Arbitrator due to non-enforcement of correct clause by the Law Officer of CPCB; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken against the Law Officer of CPCB?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The Comptroller and Auditor General of India in his report for the year ended 31-03-1992 (No. 2 of 1993) (Scientific Departments), in respect of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has stated that, CPCB had to procure two transformers for electric sub-station at the risk and cost of electric contractor. Difference between cost paid (Rs. 4.54 lakhs) and tender cost (Rs. 2.58 lakhs) were recoverable from the electrical contractor. However, the Arbitrators had disallowed the claims since the correct clause was not enforced by Central Pollution Control Board.

(b) Yes, Sir. The claim of CPCB was disallowed by the Arbitrators. However, CPCB has filed a suit against this Award and the matter is pending for decision in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.

(c) Does not arise.

Losses suffered by GDP|UP Jal Nigam due to non-completion of STP

1092. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two contracts for construction of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) at Kanpur and Naini, Allahabad were awarded to contractor M/s. Doiplex, New Delhi under Ganga Action Plan Phase-I (GAP-Phase-I);

(b) if so, the progress of the work made so far with details thereof;

(c) the losses which are expected to be suffered by GDP|UP Jal Nigam on account of non-completion of STP works within the stipulated period;

(d) the measures taken by the GDP|UP Jal Nigam to recover the losses from the contractor; and

(e) wheher the GDP/UP Jai Nigam be able to enforce the clause 'Risk and cost' of the agreement against the contractor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The progress of work on Allahabad and Kanpur sewage treatment plants (STPs) is as follows:

	Allahabad	Kanpur
Civil works	66 per cent	52.4%
Equipment	25 per cent (Indigenous only)	18.8%

(c) There have been difficulties in the execution of the contract and disputes arose between the contractor and the U.P. Jal Nigam. As these could not be resolved and the construction of these two treatment plants, being among the biggest treatment plants on the river Ganga, was getting delayed affecting the stretch down stream of the Ganga, the Steering Committee of the Central Ganga Authority, in consultation with the Government of U.P., appointed a committee to examine the points raised by both sides and to advise the Steering Committee as to the manner in which the work could be completed expeditiously. The committee so appointed is siezed of the matter and is to submit its final report. Only when the report has been received and a decision taken with regard to the manner in which the work is to be completed, it would be known whether additional expenditure would be incurred by the GPD|UPJN or whether additional expenditure would be incurred by the GPD|UPJN or whether the work would be completed at the risk and cost of the contractor.

(d) and (e) These questions would arise only after the committee has submitted its report and the Steering Committee has taken a decision in the matter.

Smuggling of Indian tigers to China and Europe

1093. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 11th July, 1994 under the caption 'India's tigers ended up in soup bowl' that is, in China market and are also sold across Europe via Kashmir; and

(b) whether it is a fact that more than 100 Indian tigers have been sacrificed every year; if so, the steps Government are taking to avoid killing the tigers and to prevent their smuggling to China and Europe?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is a fact that a number of Indian tigers are poached every year to meet the demand of illegal trade in tiger bones and other parts of its body. The steps taken by the Government to prevent such poaching of tigers and prevent their smuggling are as under:—

(i) A Tiger Crisis Cell has been set up in the Ministry.

(ii) State Governments have been advised to strengthen vigilance and intensify patrolling around the Tiger Reserves.

(iii) Steps have been initiated to set up a Special Strike Force in the Project Tiger Areas.